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1. No Soviet troops were observed in the Oranienburg (N 53/Z 67) Castle on 29 August 1950.
2. On 26 August 1950 the Sachsenhausen concentration camp and the former Panzerschule (tank school) adjoining the camp to the south, were occupied only by a rear unit of about 200 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Two T-34 tanks and three SP guns were observed at driving practice in the yard of the Panzerschule.

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3. On 26 August 1950 a sentinel wearing red-bordered black epaulets guarded the gate of the former Kaiser chemical factory, now the nationalized Oranienburger-Chemie-Fabrik, on Sachsenhauser-Chaussee. There was no motor traffic.
4. On 26 August 1950, an officer and six EM who wore red-bordered black epaulets left the Klinker factory on Sachsenhauser-Chaussee and walked toward the Panzerschule. No motor vehicles were seen at the factory.
5. The barracks installation at the airfield and the "Weisse Stadt" were combined into a restricted area. The "Weisse Stadt" was not occupied. The barracks at the airfield quartered about 150 troops who wore blue epaulets. [REDACTED] were seen at the field.

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6. Little traffic was observed at the barracks installation on Bernauer-allee on 24 and 31 August 1950. The installation has a frontage of about 1,400 meters on Bernauer-allee. The billeting area included the 25 one-family houses opposite the front of the barracks buildings. Local residents said that about 10,000 tank troops had been quartered there prior to their departure for summer training. Motor vehicles [REDACTED]

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25X1A [REDACTED] were observed there on 24 August 1950.

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7. On 31 August 1950 local residents said that the evacuated Sachsenhausen concentration camp behind the barracks installation on Bernauerallee was to be converted into military quarters.
8. Only one guard wearing red-bordered black epaulets was seen at the castle on 31 August 1950. Only two windows of the castle were lighted in the evening. *

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* Comment. The information does not indicate any essential changes since 17 August 1950 when another source reported. See

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Most of the component units of the 25th Tank Div from Oranienburg were still in the Templin maneuver area on 31 August 1950.

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